

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 16847 071558Z
71S
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 /026 W
----- 029000

R 071435Z DEC 76
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9494
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 16847

E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS: PFOR EG US
SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY EGYPTIAN REACTION TO VANCE NOMINATION

1. NOMINATION OF CYRUS VANCE AS SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE HAS EVOKED GREAT EGYPTIAN INTEREST. PRELIMINARY REACTION MAY BE DESCRIBED AS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC AND POSITIVE.

2. ON OFFICIAL LEVEL, FAHMY VOICED HIS SATISFACTION TO AMBASSADOR OVER SELECTION. WHILE HE DID NOT KNOW MR. VANCE PERSONALLY, FAHMY OBSERVED SECSTATE-DESIGNATE ENJOYS A REPUTATION FOR "FAIR MINDEDNESS" AND BEING A GOOD NEGOTIATOR. HE OPINED THIS AUGURS WELL FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE AND "EVEN HANDED" APPROACH. FAHMY WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE READ ABOUT SECSTATE-DESIGNATE'S STATEMENT THAT MIDDLE EAST WILL BE ONE OF PRIORITY AREAS. SEVERAL MFA UNDER-SECRETARIES HAVE EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS.

3. EGYPTIAN PRESS, AFTER INITIALLY SIMPLY CARRYING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, IS BECOMING MORE ENTHUSIASTIC. DEC 7 AHAM EDITORIAL, CLEARLY SPEAKING FOR GOE, DESCRIBES MR. VANCE AS "BRILLIANT STATESMAN KNOWN FOR HIS TROUBLE SHOOTING ABILITIES." EDITORIAL SPECULATES VANCE'S EARLIER "SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL SETTLEMENT" MAY, IN VIEW EXHAUSTION OF STEP-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 16847 071558Z

BY-STEP APPROACH, BE BASIS FOR HIS NOMINATION. MIDDLE EAST

PROBLEM, EDITORIAL ASSERTS, IS ALREADY "FULLY REPE AND
CLEAR" AND SECSTATE-DESIGNATE AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN FOREIGN
AFFAIRS SHOULD NEED LITTLE TIME TO STUDY THE MATTER. GIVEN
SECSTATE-DESIGNATE'S ALREADY EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN
DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND FAIRNESS ON ME ISSUE,
EDITORIAL OPINED MR. VANCE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE
"LIKE KISSINGER AND EVEN MORE" TO MOVEMENT TOWARD JUST
PEACE.
EILTS

NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH MR. STEINER, S/S-O.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976CAIRO16847
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760452-0916
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761263/aaaaccni.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <10 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <04 OCT 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRELIMINARY EGYPTIAN REACTION TO VANCE NOMINATION
TAGS: PFOR, EG, US, (VANCE, CYRUS)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006